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## TRAILED THE ROBBERS

### The Clew Furnished by Bloodhounds Cause Arrest of Four

Thieves made another raid on the town on Thursday night of last week when the Love jewelry and variety store was broken into and robbed and the Denbo restaurant entered and a quantity of ice cream, cake and fruit eaten and cigars and other stuff carried away. At Love's store a panel of glass was carefully removed and the back door unbolted. Goods to the value of \$25 were missing. The store had been robbed just a week before.

An investigation showed that the thieves had inspected the back doors and windows of several other business houses in an attempt to get in and it was decided to try and put a stop to further operations of the gang. A fund to defray the expenses was quickly raised and the Chillicothe bloodhounds were telephoned for. Sam Rohrer and Deputy Sheriff Davis of Livingston county brought the hounds down on the noon train. The dogs had no trouble in picking up the scent in the enclosure at the rear of Lomax & Co's drygoods store and at the back of Sherry's drugstore where the tracks were plain and undisturbed. The trail led to the ally, north to the opera house corner, east one block to a vacant house north of the depot, through the yard to the track of the north "Y" where the dogs seemed to lose the scent. They were brought back and started again. They went over the same route but when they reached the railroad they went north one block to the crossing east of Moberly's implement house, where they again got confused and were returned for another start. They went over the same route again but when they got to the crossing, without even halting, they turned east to the residence of John Winegar and would have entered the house had the door not been closed.

Constable Ben Thompson and Marshal Pease at once suspected Trace, Winegar's oldest son, but he was not at home nor in the crowd of more than a hundred who were watching the work of the dogs. However, he was found up town shortly afterwards and placed under arrest.

After some questioning he admitted his guilt and named Ray Goodwin, a boy about 12 years of age, as being implicated in the robbery. When arrested the Goodwin boy denied knowing anything about the robbery and told a pretty straight story as to the time he went home that evening. But on the evidence of Winegar the two were locked up. When examined that evening by Prosecuting Attorney McKinney Winegar also named Henley Osgood and a colored fellow by the name of Vance as having taken part in the robbery. These two were arrested and all four were given a hearing the next day before Justice E. K. Welsh. Winegar changed his statement about the Goodwin boy and he was released, and Winegar was released on bond. The Osgood boy proved an alibi by his grandmother testifying that he came home that night between 9:30 and 10:00 and remained home the balance of the night. The colored man protested his innocence but produced no

witnesses to prove where he spent that night and was sent to jail. The cases will be brought up at the June term of circuit court.

### Local and Personal

Chili beans, 3 lbs for 25 cents. Carothers & Allen.

Get your paint and wallpaper at Sherry's drugstore.

You will find a big assortment of paints and oils at Patrick's.

A five year guaranteed paint for \$1.50 a gallon at J. B. Patrick's.

When you think of glasses think of Dr. Pratt, at Hotel Brown, Monday, April 19.

Going down! Perfection oil 8c the gal. Crown gasoline 13c the gal. Carothers & Allen.

Prof. and Mrs. Byron Western of Wheeling spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kraft of Bethel are here visiting the former's brother, Wm. Kraft and family.

Mrs. Bertha Whitehouse of Mendon is here visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. O. F. Libby.

Miss Grace Sissons will entertain the ladies of the W. C. T. U. at her home next Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Etta Dale and children of Anabel are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dye in Laclede.

Mrs. L. F. Moore entertained the members of the L. C. T. at a line party on Thursday evening of last week.

Mrs. Mabel Neal came down from Linneus Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hamilton.

Mrs. S. W. White went to Laredo last Saturday and remained over Sunday visiting a brother who was quite sick.

We carry in oil stoves the Boss Quick Meal and Perfector, all guaranteed to please or money back at J. B. Patrick's.

Mrs. L. Eichman and her mother, Mrs. Foster, went to Sumner last Sunday for a two weeks' visit with relatives there and at Dean Lake.

House cleaning time is here. We have a large line of rugs and linoleum at the lowest price ever offered in Laclede at J. B. Patrick's.

Frank N. West, who had been here for the past two months at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. West, left for his home in Oklahoma Wednesday.

You make no mistake in buying a One Minute washer. Absolutely guaranteed to clean the clothes quicker and run lighter than any machine made. Sold by Carothers & Allen.

Superintendent Joyce was here Wednesday spending a few hours among friends. He is naturally feeling good over his re-election and will continue to give the schools of the county his best thought and attention.

Miss Mabel Kraft, principal of the Browning high, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here. She gave a line party at the theatre Saturday night and later entertained at cards at her home, the guests being Misses Ethel Kent, Grace Haight, Esther Rowland and Clifford Shell, Orville Mahurin, Manley Garnett, and Ross Burke of Browning. Refreshments were served.

### Reduced Prices

Coal oil 8 cents a gallon; gasoline 13 cents; Polorine auto oil, 45 cents a gallon.

J. B. PATRICK.

## ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

### Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

The Laclede high school baseball team defeated the Wheeling high school team in a well played game here last Friday by a score of 14 to 10. Laclede has a strong team this year and so far has two victories and one defeat to its credit.

Mr. Charles R. Facto and Miss Zella May Watson, two estimable and popular young people of the Locust Creek district, were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. Mendenhall last Wednesday evening. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

P. F. Weaver on Wednesday sold his Metz roadster to Geo. Plowman and has ordered a new Metz 25 touring car that he expects in within a few days. The new Metz is said to be the niftiest medium priced car put out this year having valuable features not found on other cars. Mr. Weaver has the exclusive agency for the Metz in the south half of Linn county.

To clean, begin indoors and to make a thorough job of it, with least labor and no dust, use an electric vacuum cleaner. With it you can quickly clean the rugs and carpets and electricity does all the hard work. No dust, no damage to furnishings. Do your spring cleaning the electric way. See Caywood & Baum whether you want to buy a cleaner or rent one.

J. L. Sayre who bought the Deem farm west of Laclede last fall moved here from Sullivan county last week and took charge of his property. He expected to be here the first of March but suffered the fracture of his right knee about that time and was delayed. He has shipped in some fine Poland China hogs to stock his farm, is setting out a lot of fruit trees and expects to make other substantial improvements.

W. S. Alexander, chief dispatcher of the Centerville division of the Burlington, conducted a school of instructions for station agents and operators of his division here last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Alexander left Centerville in a special car attached to the regular south bound train and picked up the agents and operators and brought them to Laclede. The school of instructions was held in the car that remained in the yards here while the train went to Carrollton and back. The Burlington is encouraging efficiency among its employes in every department which will no doubt mean better service to the public.

Wednesday night at the Rest Room occurred a musical recital, the piano parts being rendered by Misses Kathryn and Beatrice Harter, Catharine Moore and Harold Standly. Vocal solos were very sweetly sang by Virginia Dye and Aletha Anderson. Two amusing readings were given by Gladys Boomer and Hazel Rankin and a ladies quartette by the Dye Sisters, Misses Ethel Kent and Ida Welsh. The ability of the performers and the selection and rendering of their parts would reflect credit on a much larger place than Laclede. The public is invited to make large use of the library for the benefit of which this recital was given.

### Royal Neighbors Receive Prizes

Mrs. Ida Davis, recorder of the local camp of Royal Neighbors of America, last week received a check for \$10.00 from the supreme camp as a special prize to the local camp for securing ten beneficial members. The local camp also received a prize of \$5.00 from the district deputy for securing the most members for the class adoption last November. At that time a class of 14 was adopted and several have been adopted since, and the camp expects to win another cash prize soon. Four application cards were received at the last meeting and a class of five or more will be adopted at the next regular meeting, Wednesday night, April 21. The officers and members are planning a reception for the new members at this meeting.

The Royal Neighbor camp is certainly making a splendid growth here and is fast becoming the largest and one of the most popular social as well as beneficial organizations of the town. The special rates are in effect until July 1, making the entrance fee very reasonable and those wanting safe and reliable insurance will do well to investigate the Royal Neighbor rates. It is an honor to be invited to join this camp as its membership is carefully selected as to moral and social standing and requirements of the organization.

### Republican Conference Called

Chairman Babler of the republican state committee, at the suggestion of the members of the state committee from this district, has called a conference of the members of the various committees in the second congressional district, together with any other good republicans who might desire to attend, to be held at Chillicothe on Friday, May 7. Congressman L. C. Dyer, of St. Louis, Hon. Joseph McCoy, former secretary of the state committee and other prominent men of the state will attend the conference and address the meeting.

It is none too early for the republicans of Missouri to get busy and the action of Chairman Babler and the state committee in arranging these district meetings is a good move and the Chillicothe meeting will no doubt be largely attended.

### W. F. M. S. Meeting

Mrs. M. F. Clay delightfully entertained the W. F. M. S. at her home on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. J. W. Lomax conducted the lesson from the book, "A Child in the Midst," the subject being, "The Child at Worship." Several ladies gave appreciated readings. There was present a living subject of the lesson in the person of Master Gene Clay Jones, grand-son of the hostess. The president, Mrs. C. C. Bigger, having to leave early on her way to the district meeting at Savannah, the vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Welsh, presided at the closing. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. J. W. Lomax and Mrs. H. C. Carothers. Guests of the afternoon were Mrs. O. A. Potter, Mrs. Byron Lamme, Mrs. S. C. Kuhn, Mrs. L. T. Rowland, Mrs. D. R. Rowland, Mrs. A. M. Walker, Mrs. G. L. Farrar and Mrs. Max Jones and Baby Jones.

Dr. Pratt, the optician of Brookfield, will be at Hotel Brown Monday, April 19.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY

### About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Dr. Pratt Monday.

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Ice cream at Sherry's drugstore. Early tomato plants at Kraft & Brenner's today.

Old Trusty incubators carried in stock by J. B. Patrick.

Good white oak posts for sale by Xillon White, phone 5511.

Brown Leghorn eggs for setting, for sale by Mrs. Z. R. Kling.

Barred Plymouth Rock eggs for sale. Mrs. A. M. Walker, phone 704.

Wooltwine. Hard twisted kind, 12½ cents per lb. Carothers & Allen.

Black Langshan eggs 50 cents per setting. L. Brendahl, phone 310, Laclede.

Good high wheel wagon for sale by O. E. Peacher, route one, Laclede, phone 204.

Crockery special. One week only. Buy this week, the price is right. Carothers & Allen.

One work horse 6 years old at \$40 if sold at once, and one extra good 2-year-old filly for sale by A. C. Lester, Laclede.

Dr. Pratt makes a specialty of fitting the genuine "Kryptok" the lense for both distance and reading, at Hotel Brown, Monday, April 19.

A slightly used Studebaker, five passenger, 1915 model, and other used cars at bargain prices by E. E. Gutting, Studebaker dealer at Brookfield.

Fifteen years in Linn county with 5000 satisfied customers is the record of Dr. Pratt, the optician, here again at Hotel Brown, Monday, April 19.

The second team of the Laclede high school defeated a team from Brookfield at the public ball park in Laclede last Saturday afternoon, the score being 14 to 11.

The Laclede high school baseball team ask those who have hauling to do east of the stock yards to kindly drive around and not across the ball diamond as it cuts it up and makes it quite expensive to work it down before each game.

All those interested in music should see Kathryn Harter and make arrangements before May 1. She is ready to begin work any time and expects to organize a class in harmony and musical history.

Joe R. Marx, who is taking life easy as usual and enjoying himself at Ocean Beach, Cali., sends in a check this week to have THE BLADE mailed to him a year. Joe doesn't think much of California as a winter resort—too much rain and not enough sunshine.

E. E. Gutting, the Studebaker dealer at Brookfield, was here Wednesday and sold a used 1915 model Overland touring car to Wm. Kraft. Mr. Gutting had taken the Overland in on a new Studebaker. It has been used but little and is in fine condition.

Chapter R of the P. E. O. met in regular session at the pleasant home of Mrs. A. S. Byrd last Wednesday afternoon. Miss Ong gave a review of the constitution. The chapter was pleased to have as a guest Miss Bessie Wells during the social hour. The hostess served dainty refreshments.